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Karla Knoop, Hydrologist JBR Consultants Group Suite A-4 8160 South Highland Drive Sandy, Utah 84093

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Dear Ms. Knoop:

Re: <u>Notice of Violation N91-26-8-2</u>, <u>Hidden Valley Coal Company</u>, <u>Hidden Valley Mine</u>, <u>ACT/015/007</u>, <u>Emery County</u>, Utah

On February 17, 1993, JBR Consultants Group, as Hidden Valley Coal Company's representative, requested an extension to implement the approved abatement plan for NOV N91-26-8-2. The existing implementation date established by the Division is February 28, 1993, as stated in January 29, 1993, correspondence to Lee Edmonson. The extension to March 15, 1993, is requested because the specific environmental conditions in the plan under which implementation would occur, have still not been met.

Division biologists determined that on January 28, 1993, field abatement of the NOV was possible. Subsequent to that time, low temperatures have prevailed over the region, and three separate, significant snow storms have occurred. An insufficient window of time has elapsed to allow for snow melt, drying of the soil, and mobilization of crews. JBR therefore, requested in its February 17, 1993, letter that an extension be granted until March 15th, at which time site conditions would be reassessed.

By this letter, I am granting an extension in the abatement time for NOV N91-26-8-2 to 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 1993. Authority for this extension is found at R645-400-327-400.

Sincerely,

Lowell P. Braxton Acting Director

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